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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This is responsive to the September 21, 2007 Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time and substitute specification (clean and marked up version) are included herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.